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THE CALF-PATH

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One day through the primeval wood
A calf walked home as good calves should;
But made a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail as all calves do.
Since then three hundred years have fled,
And I infer that calf is dead.
But still he left behind his trail,
And thereby hangs my moral tale.
The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way;
And then a wise bell-wether sheep
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too,
As good bell-wethers always do.
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
Through those old woods a path was made.
And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about.
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path;
But still they followed — do not laugh —
The first migrations of the calf,
And through this winding wood-way stalked
Because he wobbléd when he walked.
This forest path became a lane,
That bent and turned and turned again;
This crooked lane became a road,
Where many a poor horse with his load
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,
And traveled some three miles in one.
And thus a century and a half
They trod the footsteps of that calf.
The years passed on in swiftneſs fleet,
The road became a village ſtreet;

And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare.
And soon the central ſtreet was this
Of a renowned metropolis;
And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.
Each day a hundred thouſand rout
Followed this zigzag calf about
And o'er his crooked journey went
The traffic of a continent.
A hundred thouſand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead.
They followed ſtill his crooked way
And loſt one hundred years a day;
For thus ſuch reverence is lent
To well-eſtabliſhed precedent.
A moral leſſon this might teach
Were I ordained and called to preach;
For men are prone to go it blind
Along the calf-paths of the mind
And work away from ſun to ſun
To do what other men have done.
They follow in the beaten track,
And out and in, and forth and back,
And ſtill their devious courſe purſue,
To keep the path that others do.
They keep the path a ſacred groove,
Along which all their lives they move;
But how the wiſe old wood-gods laugh,
Who ſaw the firſt primeval calf.
Ah, many things this tale might teach —
But I am not ordained to preach.

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LEAVE RECORD

Name _____

1958	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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SICK LEAVE

Pay Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	W
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✓ On the job 8 hrs. A-Annual Leave S-Sick Leave W-LWOP C-Compensatory Time Off
 M-Military Leave J-Jury Leave O-Overtime H-Holidays □ Saturdays and Sundays

NOTE: Your Leave Year started on Jan. 12, 1958 and will end Jan. 10, 1959.

Employees desiring to keep an accurate record of their Annual and Sick Leave may find the above chart useful.

The "H" is for holiday and the heavy black lines set off Saturdays and Sundays, nonwork days for most employees.

You earn Annual Leave on the following schedule: 4 hours for each of the 26 pay periods, or 13 days a year, during your first 3 years of service; 6 hours per pay period, or 20 days, if you have between 3 and 15 years of service (you'll get 10 hours for the last pay period, to round out your 20 days), and you'll get 8 hours, or 26 days, if you have 15 or more years of service.

Sick Leave is the same for everyone, 4 hours each pay period, or 13 days a year, and there is no limit on the amount that can be accumulated. But there are legal limits on the amount of Annual Leave that can be carried over from one year to another. For more detailed information on the accumulation and use of Annual and Sick Leave please consult R and FR 20-645.

Copies of the chart are available in the Printing Services Division and may be obtained through your administrative channels. Requests must be submitted so as to reach the Printing Services Division by 1 April 1958.

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January 1959. We might
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was raised.
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